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## 1. Koenigin Carola Kaserne, Grimma (N 52/E 40):

a. Occupied by 1,600 to 1,800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia on 25 March 1950. Most of the soldiers wearing tank insignia were young. Some had closely cropped hair.

b. Unusually little activity was observed in the barracks on 14 April 1950. Only the lower floors of two barracks buildings were lighted during the evening hours. Local residents said that a large percentage of the Grimma troops left by rail but returned before the Easter holidays. It was the impression that not all units had returned. Local residents did not observe any recent movements (1).

c. A JS tank was parked at the barracks gate and two armored reconnaissance cars entered through the gate on 25 March 1950.

d. Forty-two officers (lieutenants and senior lieutenants) and numerous EM were seen en route from the railroad station to the barracks on 14 April 1950.

e. Thirteen officers and eight EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage left the barracks for the railroad station at 1:45 p.m. They boarded the express train leaving toward Dresden (2).

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2. Strassburg Kaserne:

a. Occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them without insignia, some with tank and artillery insignia, on 25 March and 14 April 1950.

b. Some windows were not lighted during the evening hours on 14 April 1950. No systematic training activity was observed in the daytime. Two trucks [redacted]

[redacted] were parked in front of the barracks building.

c. Two soldiers cleaned a field kitchen in front of another building.

d. Two lieutenants and 14 EM wearing baggage and rifles left the barracks going toward town at noon.

e. Twelve trucks [redacted] were parked in front of the barracks. At about 1 p.m. the trucks started leaving toward town, individually and at irregular intervals. They were not loaded. A driver and an assistant driver were seen on each truck.



3. Former Oberschule (high school):

Occupied to capacity by 600 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia [redacted]

4. In early March 1950 a Soviet soldier stated that 500 troops arrived at the post on 27 February 1950. They were to go to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds after a three-week stay in Grimma.(2)

5. The former Soviet kommandatura had been dissolved and its officers with their families had departed.

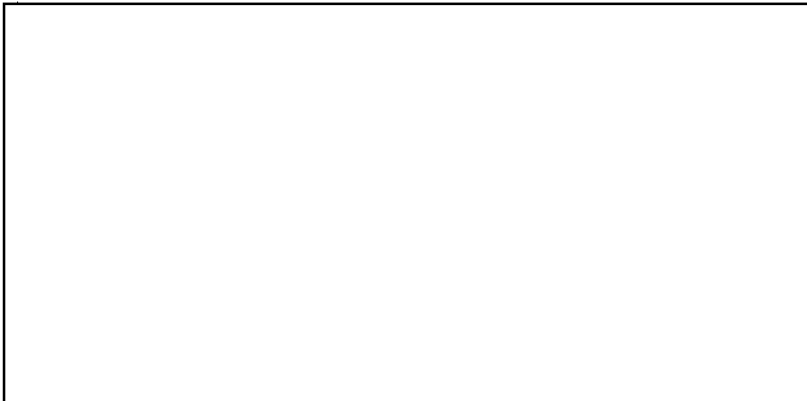
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
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The convoy proceeded along Leipzigerstrasse.



7. Troop units, allegedly returning from a short stay in Koenigsbrueck, arrived in Grimma during the nights of 9, 10 and 11 April 1950. The trucks of the units towed guns or were loaded with furniture. Details could not be learned because of darkness. In contrast to the Strassburg Kaserne, the Blster Kaserne and the Koenigin Carola Kaserne were only partially lighted at night.(1)

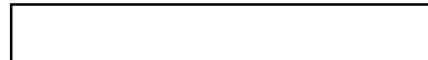
- (1)  Comment: The information indicates that apparently a large percentage of the Grimma troops of the 8th Gds Mecz Div left for field exercises during the first half of April 1950. Some of the units, upon completion of short field exercises, presumably in Koenigsbrueck, returned to Grimma between 9 and 12 April 1950. Similar observations were made in Bilenburg at about the same time.(4)

- (2)  Comment: Replacements also arrived in Grimma in late February 1950. The numerous lieutenants and senior Neutenants who arrived in Grimma on 14 April 1950 were presumably to replace married officers under the known exchange program.

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